



## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

### **Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

**[Docket No. OSHA-2015-0005]**

#### **Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health (FACOSH)**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health invites interested individuals to submit nominations for membership on FACOSH.

**DATES:** You must submit (postmarked, sent, transmitted, or received) your nominations by May 15, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and supporting materials using one of the following methods:

Electronically: You may submit nominations, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the federal eRulemaking portal. Follow the online instructions for submitting nominations;

Facsimile: If your nominations and supporting materials and attachments do not exceed 10 pages, you may FAX them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648;

Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger or courier service: You may send nominations and supporting materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2015-0005, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (TTY number (877) 889-5627). Deliveries by hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service are accepted during the Department of Labor's and

OSHA Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., ET.

Instructions: Your submissions and supporting materials must include the agency name and docket number for this Federal Register notice. Due to security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may experience significant delays. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about special security procedures for submitting materials by mail, express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger or courier service. For additional information on submitting nominations and supporting materials, see the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

OSHA will post all submissions, including any personal information you provide, without change on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

To read or download submissions in response to this Federal Register notice, go to Docket No. OSHA-2015-0005, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed in the index of that Website; however, some documents (e.g., copyrighted materials) are not publicly available to read or download there. All submissions, including copyrighted materials, are available for inspection at the OSHA Docket Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

For press inquiries: Mr. Francis Meilinger, OSHA, Office of Communications, Room N-3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-1999; email [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

For general information: Mr. Francis Yebesi, OSHA, Office of Federal Agency Programs, Directorate of Enforcement Programs, Room N-3622, U.S. Department of Labor, 200

Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2122; email [ofap@dol.gov](mailto:ofap@dol.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Assistant Secretary of OSHA invites interested individuals to submit nominations for membership on FACOSH.

Background. FACOSH is authorized to advise the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) on all matters relating to the occupational safety and health of federal employees (5 U.S.C. 7902; 29 U.S.C. 668, Executive Order 12196, as amended). This includes providing advice on how to reduce and keep to a minimum the number of injuries and illnesses in the federal workforce, and how to encourage the establishment and maintenance of effective occupational safety and health programs in each federal agency.

FACOSH membership. FACOSH is comprised of 16 members, 8 management representatives and 8 representatives of labor organizations representing federal employees, whom the Secretary appoints to staggered terms of up to three years. The number of members the Secretary will appoint to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2016, includes:

- Two management representatives; and
- Three labor representatives.

FACOSH members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and may be appointed to successive terms. FACOSH meets at least twice a year.

The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks broad-based and diverse FACOSH membership. Any interested federal agency, labor organization representing federal workers, or individual(s) may nominate one or more qualified

persons for membership on FACOSH. Interested individuals also are invited and encouraged to submit statements in support of particular nominees.

Nomination requirements. Submission of nominations must include the following information:

1. The nominee's name, contact information and current employment;
2. The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, including prior membership on FACOSH and other relevant organizations, associations and committees;
3. Category of membership (management, labor) that the nominee is qualified to represent;
4. A summary of the nominee's background, experience and qualifications that address the nominee's suitability to serve on FACOSH;
5. Articles or other documents the nominee has authored that indicate the nominee's knowledge, experience and expertise in occupational safety and health, particularly as it pertains to the federal workforce;
6. A statement that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to regularly attend and participate in FACOSH meetings, and has no apparent conflicts of interest that would preclude membership on FACOSH; and
7. A self-certification statement that in the past 10 years, the nominee has not been convicted of a felony, or been imprisoned, been on probation, or been on parole, for a felony; or is not currently under charges for a felony.

Member selection. The Secretary appoints FACOSH members based upon criteria that include the nominee's level of responsibility for occupational safety and health matters involving the federal workforce; experience and competence in occupational safety and health;

and willingness and ability to regularly and fully participate in FACOSH meetings. Federal agency management nominees who serve as their agency's Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO), or at an equivalent level of responsibility within their respective federal agencies, are preferred as management members. Labor nominees who have responsibilities for federal employee occupational safety and health matters within their respective labor organizations are preferred as labor members.

The information received through the nomination process, along with other relevant sources of information, will assist the Secretary in making appointments to FACOSH. In selecting FACOSH members, the Secretary will consider individuals nominated in response to this Federal Register notice, as well as other qualified individuals. OSHA will publish a list of the new FACOSH members in the Federal Register.

OSHA will consider any nomination submitted in response to this notice for the vacancies that occur on January 1, 2016. In addition, OSHA will consider the nominations received by May 1, 2015, for any vacancy that may occur during 2015 and for member positions that open January 1, 2017, provided the information the nominee submitted continues to remain current and accurate. OSHA believes that rolling over nominations for future consideration will make it easier for interested individuals to be considered for membership on FACOSH. This process also will provide OSHA with a broad base of nominations for ensuring that FACOSH membership is fairly balanced as the Federal Advisory Committee Act requires (5 U.S.C. App.2, Section (5)(b)(2); 41 CFR 102-3.30(c)). OSHA will continue to request nominations as vacancies occur, but nominees whose information is current and accurate will not need to resubmit a nomination.

#### **Public Participation.**

Instructions for submitting nominations. Interested individuals may submit nominations and supplemental materials using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. All nominations, attachments and other materials must identify the agency/labor organization name and the docket number for this Federal Register notice. You may supplement electronic nominations by uploading document files electronically. If, instead, you wish to submit additional materials in reference to an electronic or FAX submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES section). The additional material must clearly identify your electronic or FAX submission by name and docket number so that the materials can be attached to your submission.

Because of security-related procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of nominations. For information about security procedures concerning the submission of materials by mail, hand, express delivery, messenger or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES section).

All submissions in response to this Federal Register notice are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information, such as Social Security numbers and birthdates. Guidance on submitting nominations and materials in response to this Federal Register notice is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> and from the OSHA Docket Office.

Access to docket and other materials. To read or download nominations and additional materials submitted in response to this Federal Register notice, go to Docket No. OSHA-2015-0005 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All submissions are listed in the index of that docket; however, some documents (e.g., copyrighted materials) are not publicly available to read or download through that Webpage. All submissions, including copyrighted materials, are

available for inspection at the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through <http://www.regulations.gov>, and for assistance in using the internet to locate submissions.

Electronic copies of this Federal Register notice are available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. This document, as well as news releases and other relevant information, also is available at OSHA's Webpage at <http://www.osha.gov>.

**Authority and Signature:**

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by 5 U.S.C. 7902, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 29 U.S.C. 668, Executive Order 12196 as amended, 41 CFR Part 102-3, and Secretary of Labor's Order 1-2012 (77 FR 3912 (1/25/2012)).

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